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Chris Coy Elected to Council

In the run-off election held June 14th, Chris Coy was declared winner of City Council Place 5 by a margin of 195 votes.

Council Member Coy was sworn in June 23rd, replacing Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Ted R. Ware, who served on the Council from 1979 to 2008.

Chris has lived in Grapevine since 1989. He and his wife, Traci, have three young children: Kristen, Peter, and Joshua. He is currently a District Sales Manager for American Airlines, and has worked in a variety of roles at American since 1989.

He served on Grapevine's Planning and Zoning Commission from 1996 to 2008, and the Board of Zoning Adjustments from 1991 to 1996. He is a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Grapevine, the Citizen's Fire Academy and the Citizen's Police Academy. He is a member of the Grapevine Rotary Club and a regular volunteer at *Main Street Days* and *GrapeFest*. Chris is also an Eagle Scout.



Chris has a BBA degree in Finance from the University of Texas at Arlington and an MBA from Southern Methodist University. 🍇

Community Activities Center Now Offering Special Needs Gymnastics Classes

Former Olympic trial gymnast Denise Anderson is offering Special Needs Gymnastics for children and adults at the Grapevine Community Activities Center. This class is competitive through Special Olympics and non-competitive for building strength and working on coordination. Participants will also be working on the basic skills of gymnastics. Denise will work with each student on an individual basis to develop a program that will allow each athlete to achieve success at his or her own level. Classes are Mondays from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.



For more information, please check out www.specialneedsgymnastics.com or call 817-410-3454. 🍇

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Senior Activities Center Computer Classes

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Convention and Visitors Bureau News

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com or call 817-410-3185. For train information, please call 817-410-3123.

GrapeFest Vintners' Auction Classic – Grapevine Concourse

Saturday, September 6, 6:30 pm at the Grapevine Concourse - Kick off GrapeFest at the Vintners' Auction Classic! You could be the highest bidder at this silent and live auction of rare and collectible wines, domestic and international travel packages, antiques, and some incredible works of art.

22nd Annual GrapeFest – Historic Downtown Grapevine

September 11-14 - Join wine novices and connoisseurs at the largest wine festival in the south-west. Sample award winning Texas wines at this annual event offering four full days of fun! Sample the best that the Texas wine industry has to offer, take the kids to the carnival and midway, enjoy sensational live music, attend one of our sophisticated food and wine affairs, cool off in the Champagne

Terrace and more. Activities include: People's Choice Wine Tasting Classic; non-stop entertainment on multiple stages; Kid Zone; Grape Stomp; Culinary Pavilion; Texas Wine Tribute Dinner; Tennis Classic. New to GrapeFest is the Golf Tournament that will be held on Friday, September 12 at the Grapevine Golf Course. Register online or at the Grapevine Community Activities Center. 🍇



Summer Train Robberies

Saturdays and Sundays – Train robberies continue every Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day weekend on the Grapevine-to-Fort Worth excursion. Enroute, the trains are robbed by cowboys on horseback with guns blazing! Robbers then board each coach for an entertaining, unforgettable trip.

Summer Nights

Friday, August 1 - Experience summer fun in Historic Downtown Grapevine. Family-fun activities include live entertainment, food from Downtown restaurants and more. Admission is free.

Grapevine Opry – Palace Theatre

August 2, 9, 16, 22, 23 & 30; 7:30 pm – One of the premier live country music shows in the nation. For information or tickets, please call 817-481-8733.

First Friday Film Series at the Palace Theatre - *Bunty Aur Babli*

Friday, September 5, 7:30 pm; \$7.50 per person or \$5 with a same-day receipt from any Grapevine restaurant.



National Night Out

National Night Out is designed to strengthen police-community relations and encourage camaraderie as part of the fight for a safer community.

We invite you and your neighborhood to be part of our Night Out 2008 Team. For more information, please contact Crime Prevention Officers Tim Gill at 817-410-3209, Jason Keller at 817-421-2192, or Scott Rhodes at 972-724-2126.

Do not let your neighborhood be the only Grapevine neighborhood not participating in National Night Out! 🍇



The City of Grapevine will participate in the 25th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th.

Staying **GREEN** in Grapevine

Conserve Water and Still Have a Healthy Lawn

Water conservation is not just for times of drought, emergencies or shortages. Conserving water year-round helps us become more flexible during the times when there is a water shortage or emergency.

Irrigation accounts for the largest domestic use of water. The City's Lawn and Landscape Irrigation and Water Conservation Ordinance states that irrigation or watering of any lawn or landscape is prohibited between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm at all times throughout the year. Exceptions are watering by hand, with a soaker hose, with drip irrigation or establishing new landscaping.

Here are a few tips to help you have a healthy lawn while using water efficiently:

- **Water only in the morning.** Fifty percent of irrigation water is lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day.
- **Water deep.** This promotes deep roots and healthy grass. An inch of water will generally penetrate the soil six inches.
- **Water only when the grass needs watering.** Walk across your grass early in the morning. If your footprints remain, it is time to water.

Limiting water pumping demands and decreasing wastewater flows also reduces the stress placed on the City's resources and infrastructure components. Every effort we make now will pay off in the long-term. 🍇

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Parks and Rec News



ATHLETICS

Youth Leagues

Fall Youth Basketball

Oct. 4–Nov. 15
Registration: Aug. 16–Sept. 7;
late registration, Sept. 8–13*.
\$250/resident teams & \$270/non-
resident teams

Fall Youth Volleyball

Oct. 4–Nov. 22
Registration: Aug. 16–Sept. 7; late
registration: Sept. 8–13*. \$65/indiv
resident, \$75/indiv. non-resident,
\$275/resident team & \$300/non-
resident team

Adult Leagues

Fall Softball

Aug. 10–Oct. 17
Registration: July 20–27; late
registration July 2–Aug. 4*.
\$170/COED For Fun & \$320/COED
Recreational, Men's E, Men's D,
Men's Super D and Men's Church



Fall Basketball

Sept. 7–Nov. 5
Registration: Aug. 17–24; late
registration, Aug. 25–Sept. 1*.
\$340/team

Fall Indoor Volleyball

Sept. 22–Nov. 13
Registration: Aug. 31–Sept. 7;
late registration Sept. 8–15*.
\$145/team

Fall Flag Football 8/8

Sept. 28–Nov. 16
Registration: Sept. 7–14; late
registration Sept. 15–22*.
\$310/team

* Add 10% late fee

COMMUNITIES ACTIVITY CENTER (CAC)

Preschool Playtime

Beat the heat every Thursday from
9:30 am–12 pm in the CAC gym with
toys that energize and inspire, including
a bounce house, parachute, balls, toys,
gymnastic mats and more. Admission is
\$1 per child. Children under 12 months
and adults are free.



AQUATICS

Dive-In Movie

Aug. 2, 10:30 pm, \$5. Enjoy an
animated and whimsical family flick on
the giant outdoor screen while floating in
the pool.



Doggie Dive-In

Sept. 6, 10 am–2 pm, \$5/dog. Bring
your dog for a dive at the very first
Doggie Dive-In event at Pleasant Glade
Pool. Participate in fun and exciting
contests such as distance diving,
retrieving contest and a swimsuit
competition. Limit two dogs per person
and space is limited. Proof of vaccina-
tions required—including Bordatella. For
registration or information, please call
817-410-3471. 🍇

POOL CLOSINGS

**Monday, September 1st is
the last day for both pools to
be open to the public for
general swim. The pools
will be open from 10 am-6 pm
on September 1st.**

Senior Activities Center (SAC)

Activities are available to seniors 55 years and better. For more information, please call 817-410-8130 or visit the SAC at 421 Church Street.

Computer Class Registration

Computer class registrations will take place on Mondays, Aug. 4 and Sept. 29 for the sessions of classes that begin the week following each registration. Register in person 9 am–12 pm or by telephone from 1-2 pm. A complete list of classes is available at the SAC or on the website at www.gvpard.com a week prior to registration.

Saturday Night Dances

Dances are Aug. 9 (Borderline Band) and Sept. 6 (Gary Lee Orchestra) from 7-9:30 pm. Admission is \$5 per person. Bring a snack to share during intermission.

Touring Lunch

Join us for a progressive lunch on Saturday, Sept. 20 to various companies that offer services to senior adults. This is a fun and informative trip. Registration and a \$5 payment may be made at the SAC.



Potluck Supper & Movie Night

Bring a dish to share and stay for a movie on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Save these dates: Aug. 26 and Sept. 23. Call the SAC for movie information. The fun starts at 5 pm.

Diabetes Support Group

A monthly diabetes support group meets on the second Thursday of the month from 1-2 pm at the SAC. The meetings are open to anyone of any age interested in learning more about this disease and how to live with it. 🍇

PASSPORTS

Did you know that the City Secretary's Office in City Hall can help you obtain a Passport?

Passport applications are accepted by appointment only from 9 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday. The U.S. Department of State also provides valuable information regarding travel abroad and passport information at www.travel.state.gov.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment for a passport, please call 817-410-3181. 🍇



Labor Day Holiday and Trash Pickup

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Trash pickup will be as regularly scheduled.



TEXAS BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Certified Texas Birth Certificates are available for persons born from 1926 to present (children must be two months old). Cost is \$22 per certificate, and are issued daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the City Secretary's Office. Applications may be downloaded online at www.grapevinetexas.gov/depts/citysecretary.

For additional information, please call 817-410-3181. 🍇

Grapevine Library

Summer Reading Club Programs

(must be age 5 and up, show library card, and able to attend without an adult)

The Grapevine Public Library Summer Reading Club continues through August 17th, so keep on reading!

August

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| 6 | 2 pm | Zooniversity: Exotic Animals |
| 13 | 2 pm | Celebration of Stories with Magician Brett Roberts |

YA Programs

(for those entering 6th grade and up)

August

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| 7 | 2 pm | Zooniversity: Exotic Animals |
| 14 | 2 pm | Sock Puppetry: Make a goth, punk, or other sock puppet |

Jammer Time Express

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a special program for Family Storytime on Thursday, August 14th at 7 pm. Lyndale the Literary Lion will be our guest and share fables, folktales, raps, and songs to explain the importance of reading. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this early literacy event.

The Story of Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed will forever be remembered as a man of peace and goodwill as this story unfolds with the help of the children playing the parts of Settlers, Native Americans, and Apple Pickers. This program will be presented on Thursday, September 11 at 7 pm.

Back to School at the Grapevine Library

School starts soon and the Grapevine Public Library has a variety of resources to help, including 24 public access computers with internet access, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Power Point, and connected to both black and white and color printers.

The Library also has access to dozens of databases covering general topics, wellness, literature, history, science and technology through TexShare, a state-wide program. They may be accessed from a patron's home with the TexShare log-in and password available at the reference desk.

There are tens of thousands of books which can be taken home to use on homework. These can be located through the Library's computers or over the internet. The Library also subscribes to two audio book databases, Netlibrary (also electronic books) and Overdrive.

Five study rooms are available for those needing privacy and quiet or for groups working on a project. Rooms are available on first-come, first-served basis.



Thanks to a special program sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Grapevine students never have to struggle again. The Library offers *Live Homework Help*, an online tutoring service through Tutor.com that connects students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English via the internet. Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features compatible with Mac and PC. All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, or graduate school students from across the country.

Students from 4th grade to 12th grade and college introductory level may access this program any day of the week from 3–10 pm by clicking the *Live Homework Help* icon at www.grapevine.lib.tx.us. Spanish-speaking tutors are also available in math and science, Sunday through Thursday from 3–9 pm.

Start the school year off right with resources from the Grapevine Public Library.

Adult Programs

August

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| 9 | 10:30 am | DFW Machine Knitters Guild |
| 10 | 2 pm | Quilt Chat |
| 11 | 10:30 am | Namedroppers |
| 12 | 1 pm | Texas Common Application |
| 16 | 10:30 am | Parenting Workshop |

September

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| 13 | 10:30 am | DFW Machine Knitters Guild |
| 14 | 2 pm | Quilt Chat |
| 15 | 10:30 am | Namedroppers |
| 20 | 10:30 am | Parenting Workshop |

Parenting Workshops: "Family Patterns"

The Parenting Center is offering free two-hour workshops at Grapevine Public Library. "Family Patterns" will be presented on Saturday, August 16th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Registration is required through The Parenting Center, so please call 817-332-6348 to reserve your space. 🍇

Gas and Oil Well Drilling FAQs

The discovery of the Barnett Shale made a tremendous impact on North Texas. Considered unconventional because of the special drilling techniques required, it now contributes about four percent of the U.S. natural gas supply.

Answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding drilling are listed below. For additional information, please contact the Development Services Department at 817- 410-3158.

Are permits required for oil or gas drilling within the City of Grapevine?

A Special Use Permit is required for gas or oil well drilling or production, and can only be approved in non-residential districts. A detailed site plan and application are required for Council review.

A Fire Department permit is also required prior to development of a drilling or production site. The permit application is reviewed by officials from the Fire Department, Development Services and Public Works.

Are drilling permits only issued in nonresidential districts?

The requirement regarding nonresidential districts is contained in Section 49.B.12 Special Use Permits of the Zoning Ordinance.

Changes to the Zoning Ordinance require a public hearing with Planning and Zoning and Council consideration.

Will ground water be contaminated when salt water waste is injected back into the ground?

The Ordinance specifically prohibits salt water disposal wells.

What are the setback requirements for wells?

No well shall be drilled, the centerline of which is within: 200 feet from a floodplain; 1,000 feet from a fresh water well; 1,000 feet from any public park; 1,000 feet from any residence, religious institu-

tion, public building, hospital or school for which a permit has been issued on the date of the application for a drilling permit is filed with the fire marshal; 300 feet from other buildings; 500 feet from any lease line as indicated on State Railroad Commission Form W-1 or recorded property, lot or tract; 500 feet from any existing storage tank or source of potential ignition; 200 feet of any public street, road, highway or right-of-way line, or 100 feet of any building accessory to the operation of the well.

For any area where the well bore is within 775 feet of any type of surface water conveyance, including but not limited to creeks, streams, drainage ditches, a flood study shall be submitted to the City Engineer.

What are the setback requirements for well facilities and equipment?

Setback requirements are 300 feet from any public park, residence, religious institution, public building, hospital, school or any other building used, designed and intended to be used for human occupancy, for which a building permit has been issued on the date the drilling permit is filed.

Are there exceptions to this Ordinance?

The setback distances for wells contained in Section 12.145(d) (including but not limited to setback distances from public parks, residences, religious institutions, hospitals, schools, public streets) may be reduced at the discretion of the City Council. An Ordinance change would be required to deviate from any other provisions of this Ordinance.

What are permissible work hours for well operations?

Except for drilling, work hours for well site development are limited to 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

Are there noise levels that apply to well sites?

The maximum noise level is 65 db(a) at 300 feet.

Are there restrictions for vehicles associated with well sites?

Vehicles over three tons in weight are restricted to streets designated as arterials, collectors, or local commercial as designated by the thoroughfare plan.

Are there requirements regarding cleanliness and aesthetics of the well site?

Among other requirements, drill sites shall be kept clean of brush, rubbish, etc. for a distance of 100 feet around drill site. Any damage to public property shall be repaired within 30 days. The holding pit and contents shall be removed within 90 days of completion of the well. Fencing shall be provided around the drilling features, including storage pits, unless 24-hour security is provided. All well heads, storage tanks, separation facilities or other mechanical equipment shall be screened with a six-foot high solid screen fence.

Is the well/drilling operator required to have insurance?

Insurance is required by the operator for each well until abandoned and the site restored. For a list of requirements, please refer to the Ordinance.

Do these requirements apply to wells drilled outside of the City of Grapevine?

The City of Grapevine cannot enforce these requirements outside its jurisdiction.

Does the City have any advice about the lease/purchase of mineral rights on my property?

Because this is a private arrangement between the property owner and production company, the City is not involved with the transaction. You may wish to consult a real estate attorney regarding legal issues. 🍇

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Dont Be Left in the Dark!

GET READY FOR THE DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

On February 17, 2009, all full-power broadcast television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting on analog airwaves and begin broadcasting only in digital. Digital broadcasting will allow stations to offer improved picture and sound quality and additional channels. It will free up scarce and valuable broadcast spectrum for other uses such as developing a national interconnected public safety network to support police, fire departments, rescue squads and other first responders. The difficulties experienced by first responders on September 11 and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina illustrate how badly this system is needed.

Consumers who rely on antennas (including outside antennas and "rabbit ears") to receive over-the-air broadcast signals on TV sets having only analog

tuners will need to obtain separate digital-to-analog set-top converter boxes to watch over-the-air TV. Each television that you have that is neither equipped with a digital tuner nor connected to a cable or satellite service will require a converter box.

Cable subscribers may need new equipment to view programming in digital format. Ask your cable provider what you will need and when. Newer televisions equipped with digital tuners will be able to receive the new digital broadcast signal and may not require the converter box. If you are uncertain whether your television includes a digital tuner, consult the user manual or look on the set for an indication that it has a built-in Advanced Television Systems



Committee (ATSC) tuner.

Between January 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of a converter box. The converter boxes will be available at electronic stores and other U.S. retailers. Consumers may apply for the coupons and find more information at www.dtv2009.gov or by calling toll free 888-DTV-2009. 🍇

WHOM TO CONTACT

Animal Control	817-410-3370
City Hall	817-410-3000
City Manager's Office	817-410-3105
Community Activities Center	817-410-3450
Fire Department	911, 817-410-8100
Municipal Court	817-410-3284
Grapevine Library	817-410-3400
Police Department	911, 817-410-3255
Public Works	817-410-3330
Senior Activities Center	817-410-8130
Website	www.grapevinetexas.gov

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